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YOUR SCREEN IS TOO SHINY FOR MY A.D.D.

Laptops are wonderful learning tools. Quickly looking up legislation, taking (an insane amount of) notes, summarizing readings using intricate Word styles: they can do it all. I can barely imagine what learning law — or anything, for that matter — would have looked like in the 1980s (and I'm not talking about the questionable fashion choices). Paper and pen? Those are for love letters, not contractual obligations.

It's no surprise, then, that laptops have made their way into the classroom. We students have a wealth of information at our fingertips, literally. The professor can't remember the name of a case? We look it up. What is article 1611 CCQ again? No need for my red bible, the Code is online. Isn't it wonderful?

Yes, but there's a "but". We not only have information at our fingertips, we also have a limitless world of excitement. The Internet contains so many things — all of the "things". It has email — addictive. It has the news —

fascinating. It has — brace yourselves for the F-word — Facebook. It has the horror that are casual online games. Tetris, I'm looking at you.

Unfortunately, the human eye is drawn to movement and light. It's a basic survival instinct. Laptop screens are bright. Vibrant colours on laptop screens attract the eye. For anyone sitting behind someone in class, that person's screen is a glorious lighthouse of potential distraction.

Maybe it's my fault. Concentration no longer comes naturally. Before law school, I used to be able to sit down for hours and plow through whatever work I needed to do. Now, I sit down to work and — "Ooohh, shiny!"

So I'm curious. Where do you draw the line? I've put together a rough scale of the most popular laptop uses during class, from the useful and socially acceptable to the useless and, well, annoying. Grab a highlighter and draw the line.

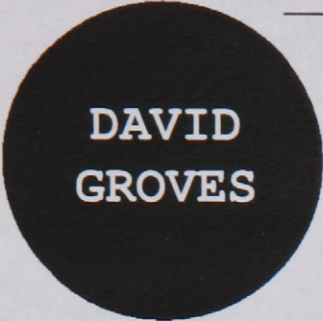
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MOST ANNOYING



MOST ACCEPTABLE




 DAVID
GROVES

THE OPTIMIST

 DAVID, DAISY, DONALD,
DEREK, DEBORAH

It's a typical sensation, upon returning to school, to feel a little schizophrenic. New classes, new clubs, new positions to apply for – student life is turbulent and demanding, and it can leave you a little discombobulated. This kind of thing is particularly imposing on those of us who have a hard time saying no, who buy pretty much whatever anyone is selling. If you, like me, sign up for clubs or apply for positions with no sense of time, workload, or even interest level, you know what I mean. But what has made my schizophrenia this fall so much more acute is that, beyond the noise and chaos of a new school year, I have recently had several identities thrust upon me, electronically. Let me explain.

The first came a week ago, in an e-mail to my Google account (dmgroves), from someone named Bree Bailey: "Hi Daisy, I know this is late notice and your [sic] probably busy, but I just wanted to let you know that I am vs. the falcons in volleyball today at 6:00 pm. The game is at Spiece and I will be playing on JV and then maybe subbing for varsity. I totally understand if it doesn't work out... sorry for the late notice... God bless ya :) ~Bree~"

The falcons! Tough team. Bree sounds nice, though, and no one has asked or demanded God that I be blessed in some time. I replied to her and promised I'd be there for every game I could, God Willing.

The next e-mail came four days ago, from Nancy Peng: "Good afternoon Donald Groves, We are the eyelash manufacture from China, seeking to be your company one partner. More than 70 different lash style, including silk eyelash extension, paper lash, blink lash, individual lash, FLAG LASH, Mink fur lash etc. Hot selling in now market. Let's talk more!"

Hot selling in now market! Normally, I would write this off as run-of-the-mill spam, but Donald? In an e-mail addressed specifically to me? I imagine him to be an international eyelash distributor, the kind of discerning businessman who tries on his products before he de-

cides to import and sell them. Perhaps he was keenly satisfied with Nancy's wares, and ready to make a deal, but a particularly long and lustrous silk extension dipped into his eye and distracted him, and he wrote my e-mail down for her instead.

Then, two days ago, a referral from "ConservativeJobs.com". Emily Millar, seeking a position at a lobbying firm in Arlington, Virginia, apparently identified me, "Derek Groves," as someone who knew her well enough to vouch for her upright, family-oriented, market-friendly values. I of course wrote back, insisting that I've always known Emily to be an honourable and dignified conservative ever since we met at that Phish concert and I spilled organic carrot juice on her hemp Ralph Nader shirt.

And yesterday, a fourth identity: Deborah Groves. Deborah owns a Stora-max storage locker in Leeds, England. Deborah hasn't paid her storage locker fees in some time. Oh Deborah! When are you going to come collect your things? I would love to help Deborah out on this one – I mean, we could be related, after all – but I have no idea what to say. Should I lie? "Dear Stora-max: I'll be there in a jiffy! My tea is still hot and Coronation Street is on!" Or tell the truth? "Dear Stora-max: Deborah clearly gave you what she believed to be a fake e-mail address so that she could store, and never be traced to, whatever she put in your locker. I am not her, and if there is a corpse in there, I have nothing to do with it."

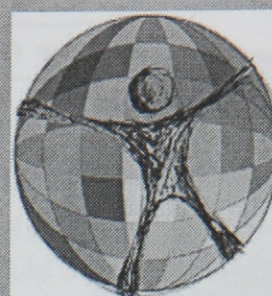
So Daisy, Donald, Derek, Deborah, and me. Is there any logic in this sudden flood of new Groveses? Is this a cryptic message from the universe, or just joyful coincidence? From where I sit, the meaning is clear: be very careful when you give someone your e-mail address. Now if you'll excuse me, I have some eyelashes to order.

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DATUM ERRATUM

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Ah, the best-laid plans of mice and men.
And LSA executives.

Last week, I made a brief trip back to my hometown of Vancouver. During my time on the Left Coast, I had a chance to chat with a few friends about the blood sport that is BC politics.

We reflected on how the sudden, arbitrary and unexpected introduction of the HST (a melding of the GST/PST sales taxes) had destroyed the political career of former BC premier Gordon Campbell.

This was a man who had been resoundingly elected to a third term in 2009, mere months before provoking a massive anti-HST voter backlash – a backlash that quickly drove him from office, and appears to have mortally wounded his BC Liberals.

The province, and the Liberal party machine, employ legions of trained communication “experts” to manage and massage the constant flow of policy information emanating from the government benches. So how did they get it all so wrong?

Why did these communication gurus fail to warn the government that springing a major policy shift on voters would be ill-advised? They might have advised any number of options: public consultations, focus groups, media briefings, policy conferences... maybe even a good, old-fashioned election debate. Anything to inspire “buy-in” from the people.

But none of that occurred. Was it hubris on the part of the Liberals? Complacency? Arrogance? Were they simply tone-deaf to the public mood, after eight comfy years in office? Perhaps all of these.

Or maybe they came to view the BC government as more of a streamlined corporation than the messy and inefficient democratic body it is meant to be. “The HST is vastly superior to the PST,” said the spin doctors. “It is key to BC’s economic future.”

Is the HST really better? Maybe. Maybe not. I don’t really care. And neither did the public, who were furious with the government for imposing a major policy shift on BC without a moment’s consultation.

What was the end result? Campbell was forced from office. A massive petition campaign forced the government to hold a referendum on the HST’s fate, which was sealed from the get-go. The old PST/GST combo is now due to return to BC next April 1.

So the HST is toast. It may or may not have been sound public policy. And now we’ll never know, because somewhere along the way, the BC government forgot a few cardinal rules.

Namely: Spin is not fact. Propaganda is not communication. And governments – even the elected kind – are not infallible. Nor can they operate within soundproof bubble, immune to the input and participation of their electors.

Which leads me to the recent LSA referendum fiasco.

Perhaps “fiasco” is too strong a word to use. I don’t know. I suppose it must be from the LSA’s point of view, given that all five referendum questions were defeated, three of them badly. This cannot be what

the executive was hoping for – or expecting, at least not at the outset.

During the campaign, I heard vague rumblings that one or more of the questions required passage, to bring the LSA into compliance with Quebec legislation. With this plan now in tatters, I can only assume (with profound regret for the Sponsored Coffeehouses That Might Have Been) that the LSA will now be forced to disband. (Funeral details to follow.)

But let us be grateful for small mercies. The referendum campaign ran smoothly enough, once students belatedly became aware that such a campaign existed.

Our Chief Electoral Officer, Stéphanie Bachelet, did a dedicated job of running the logistical end of things, despite – or perhaps because of – the fact that she fortuitously “forgot” to throw the referendum questions in with the Class President and Faculty Council elections that occurred earlier in September.

I have no idea whether this turn of events was deliberate or accidental. But I suspect there would have been a People’s Revolution™ in the corridors of Chancellor Day Hall, had the contentious referendum questions been put to a vote mere days after classes began.

LSA President Graham Splawski, a smart and well-spoken fellow I quite like, observed in a recent Facebook exchange that no “sinister motives” lay behind the LSA executive’s referendum process. I’m sure he’s right, though I think “sinister” is an extreme word.

In fact, the actual issue is not one of motives, but one of policy and ideology. Several of the more contentious referendum

questions seemed to be a response to two contentious – and, yes, left-leaning – resolutions passed by students at last year's Annual General Assembly.

The first expressed support for MUNACA workers in their drawn-out contract dispute with McGill University. The second supported student activists in their efforts to oppose the Charest government's post-secondary tuition increases.

Several of the questions seemed designed to centralize power in the hands of the LSA executive, in response to that AGA. Is this a good thing, or a bad thing? As in the case of BC's HST fiasco, I would argue these policy considerations are of secondary importance.

We can debate the merits and drawbacks – i.e., the substance – of the various referendum questions. Indeed, much useful debate did occur, in classrooms and hallways, in the atrium, on Facebook, and elsewhere. But my concerns are less substantive, and more process-oriented.

Marshall McLuhan famously observed that "the medium is the message." In the LSA's case, the medium was the referendum process. But the message was nowhere to be seen or heard, at least initially – save for some info buried in the pages of a light blue LSA Orientation booklet.

Being pretty old school, and thus a hopeless paper devotee, I nabbed one of those booklets from Day Hall in early September. But, like so many others, I never got around to reading it. Orientation Week is such a frightfully busy time – though I suppose next September will be much quieter, in light of the LSA's impending disbandment.

I jest. But as an outsider to the LSA's deliberations, I am struck by the curious resemblance of the recent referendum

imbroglio to the BC Liberals' near-fatal HST blunder.

The LSA's ill-fated referendum questions may have been great policy. Or terrible policy. Or both. But it doesn't matter how great your policies are. If you don't communicate them effectively to your constituency, and request feedback in a genuine and respectful manner, then people will inevitably grumble. And rebel. And maybe even vote your plans into oblivion. (I know quite a few people who voted against all five referendum questions purely on the grounds of process, rather than policy.)

As they say, it's tough at the top. I get that. I thus tip my hat to the LSA executive. They are a dedicated, hard-working bunch. I like them all, and appreciate their work and efforts on our behalf.

Are they perfect? No. Was this reflected in a referendum process gone sour? Yes. Could any of us have done a better job of ensuring a smooth and orderly campaign? Maybe. Maybe not. We are all human. I for one have no crystal ball, and claim no sense of infallible genius where democratic governance is concerned.

That said, as an avid armchair critic, I would be remiss if I didn't make a few brief recommendations to current and future LSA administrations, where the planning and execution of future referendum adventures is concerned. In no particular order, they are as follows:

1. Omnibus referendum campaigns, in which numerous divergent and competing questions are voted on simultaneously, should be avoided. They remind cynical law students of Messrs. Harper and Flaherty, and promote suspicion on the part of the electorate.

2. If at all possible, referendum campaigns should be avoided during the month of September, to give students time to find their lockers, locate the washrooms, learn a few names, and recover from the inevitable insanity of Orientation week/month.

3. Unlike this long-winded column, referendum questions should be as brief, succinctly worded, and clearly designed as possible, and be largely free of the legalese and jargon we are inevitably subjected to in every other aspect of our scholarly existence.

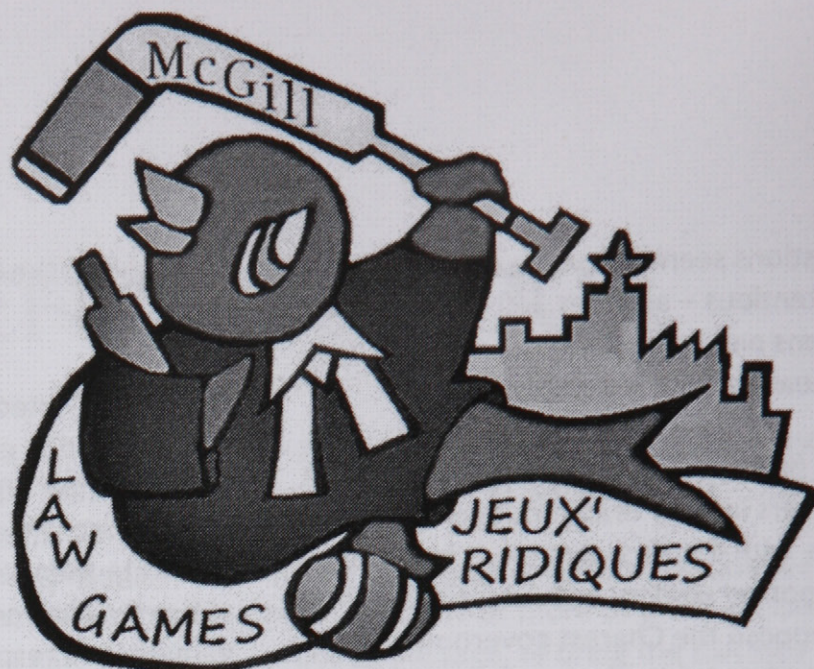
4. Executive-sponsored referendum questions should be avoided whenever possible, unless required for pressing administrative or legal reasons. Many may disagree, but I see referenda primarily as a "bottom up" rather than "top down" legislative tool.

5. When communicating future referendum questions, campaign procedures, voting details, and other background details to the LSA membership, too much information is never enough. Err on the side of excessive generosity in relaying information, in the widest array of formats, and leave lots and lots of time for maximum voter participation.

Above all, do not, under ANY circumstances, propose the imposition of a McGill Law HST in any future referendum campaign, even for beer purchasing purposes. Because we all know how that one turned out for Gordon Campbell.

Mind you, he's sitting pretty now as Canada's High Commissioner in London, so what do I know? I'm just a poor, ink-stained ex-communication wretch.

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On Wednesday September 12th, Linguistic Rights McGill/Droits Linguistiques McGill held its inaugural panel. While the panel's theme was the examination of how the Senate has historically acted as a voice for linguistic minorities, the panellists also addressed the important issue of Harper's proposed Senate reform. The motivation for this event was dual, as Andrea Suurland, President and Founder of *Droits linguistiques McGill* stated in her introductory address that: "Senate reform is an important constitutional issue that has come under scrutiny in recent years. One aspect pertaining to Senate reform that is often overlooked is its potential impact on the representation of our official language minority groups in Canada's Upper Chamber". The impressive panel was a varied one, allowing for a well-rounded discussion and a variety of perspectives to be addressed. Stéphanie Dion, former Leader of the Liberal Party of Canada, presented the first address. He was followed by presentations from Louis Massicotte, professor of political science at Université Laval and Senator Céline Hervieux-Payette, former Leader of the Opposition in the Canadian Senate.

All three panellists discussed Prime Minister Stephen Harper's Senate Reform Bill (C-7), which would provide for the provincial elections of senators, as well as appointing them to a fixed term. With regards to current discussions concerning Senate reform, Stéphanie Dion reminded the audience of the importance of having a chamber of 'sober second thought': this was championed by our first Prime Minister, John A. Macdonald, and Dion argued, remains essential for the democratic nature of Canadian politics. Although Dion addressed the fact that there is popular pressure for the upper house to be formed by elected representatives, he

outlined the broader concern that Bill C-7 would affect the "pith and substance of the character of the senate" and is therefore unconstitutional. Senator Payette also argued that the independence of the Senate is a very important one, as it provides decisions to be made with a certain distance from the partisan environment that surrounds Parliament. On a similar note, Professor Massicotte criticized the popular assumption that being elected is equated to being politically independent. According to him, if one is elected, it is impossible to be 'above politics'. The fact that the Senate is unelected can be relied on to introduce a certain balance of power, as according to Massicotte, the Senate not only serves an inherently different function than our lower chamber, but the fact that a party could be prevented from controlling the upper house has value in and of itself.

Critics of the Senate have also argued that this chamber has fallen into disrepute, serving only as a mere 'rubber stamp' on decisions taken by Parliament. However, Senator Payette's insights into her work were beneficial in helping the attendees better understand an often-overlooked yet crucial role that the Senate plays: its undertaking of important committee work addressing various complex policy issues. These commissions benefit from the expertise of Canadians who come to testify before them: almost always at no cost to the state. Senator Payette noted that is very rare for individuals to refuse to appear before these committees, and that as such, the Senate allows for Canadians to benefit from what she jokingly referred to as "indeed, very sober minds" (we believe the pun was intended!).

With regards to the Senate and its role in the representation of minorities, the pan-

ellists provided mixed opinions. Senator Payette made the interesting point that symbolically, the Senate is a voice for all linguistic minorities because it is the only forum in Canada that allows for Inuits to make an address in their official language (translation is provided). Professor Massicotte presented the audience with statistical analysis: between 1963-2006, 17% of senators came from linguistic minorities such as Acadians, franco-ontarians, anglo-quebecers and franco-westerners. Although not an overwhelming number, the presence of such groups is not to be neglected. Professeur Massicotte then explained certain reasons as to why the Senate has not been a main champion of linguistic minority rights since its inception: it is not because of lack of will, but because most offences against linguistic minorities occur at the provincial, rather than federal level. Furthermore, the Charter and the Official Languages Act have represented themselves as the principal defenders of linguistic minority rights. Nevertheless, he argued that minorities do have something to lose with election of senators: currently, senators are territorially concentrated and to ensure 'across-the-board' representation, and with the election of senators, provinces with a lesser demographic weight in Canada might not be as well represented.

As the panellists demonstrated, the issues that Senate reform would raise many questions, notably: is there value in having an appointed Upper Chamber? If the Senate were composed of elected representatives, what measures could be taken to ensure that all provinces in Canada can find themselves adequately represented in both chambers? Lastly, what impact would an elected Senate have on the number of linguistic minorities that are represented therein?

ANONYMOUS

LESSONS LEARNED FROM
THE OCI PROCESS

So you managed to somehow convince a handful of firms that you have some obscure, employable skill that only you possess after years of perfecting it in the worldly experiential machine known as McGill Law.

Don't fret that you've been overlooked by Slavies. They're only interested in those 1-2 students who fall into that mystical top 15% grade bracket. Only nerds get good grades, right? Right!

And nerds don't have your people skills, right? Right! Those Gelber residents may get 16 interviews, but they will only receive one offer.

You, you on the other hand will get a measly three interviews. But with your wit and charm, honed through months of BS'ing your way through Model UN/SSMU/LSA/student governance, the interviewers won't know what hit them. You'll end up with five offers after word of your deal-making and client-schmoozing skills spread across Bay Street.

But we cannot forget the age-old adage that absolute bawsness corrupts absolutely! You must be able to keep a cool head, and remember that even the most charismatic of individuals can ruin their chances of a future filled with tedious M&A and restructuring deals with one thoughtless move.

So let me, [redacted] (name removed for fear of reprisal), walk you through the Do's and Dont's of the OCI process. These are true stories from the Calgary OCIs, meant not only to educate you, but also to motivate and reassure yourself that yes, by golly, you are the greatest thing since sliced bread.

Sit back, relax, and listen to the tales of a jaded 3L recounting his experience at OCI dinners and interviews.

*Disclaimer: If you have any relations, however remote, to the University of Toronto, this guide will be of no use to you. You already believe that you are God's gift to the world and can do no wrong.

- Do not hog the conversation. We all know you're the brightest light bulb in the department store.
- Do not interrupt a fellow student by placing your hand on their shoulder and saying "I think you're wrong, but..."
- If you are forced to lead the conversation, watch out for these topics which are sure to trip up even the most eloquent motivational speakers:
 - o Your love of bacon
 - o Your bowel movements after making love to bacon
 - o Your love and belief in the spirit of Christmas
 - o Making fun of visible minorities who are visibly present at the table
 - o Mentioning that you puked and/or passed out at your last formal interview dinner
- If you are a hand-talker or of Italian descent, make sure to be in constant control of your appendages and are always aware of your surroundings. It is generally frowned upon to knock your wine glass and launch your Cabernet Sauvignon across the table. Do not be surprised if the interviewer tells you that "you're @\$%* cut off".

• On a related note, you must also keep your legs under control as well. The seating arrangement may be a bit cramped, so it is always best to keep your legs to yourself. If, however, you happen to bump someone else with your fidgety feet, kindly apologize and move on. DO NOT under any circumstances state the following: "OMG, I am SO sorry, that must be the sixth time I've rubbed your leg tonight."

• On a very related note, if you happen to be on the receiving end of the leg job, do not panic! Remain calm, and casually brush off the incident. If the partner from [redacted] states "You must be having the time of your life over there", it may not be appropriate to respond by saying that "It's just like back home."

• Always have a spare tie in your jacket pocket in case of emergencies. Case in point. You are invited to a business casual dinner. There is no such thing for anal-retentive, type A law students and lawyers. They will all be wearing full suits and ties. You will be thanking me as you excuse yourself to the washroom and frantically putting on your tie.

• Let's imagine that everything stated above happened at the dinner the night before interviews. It could be properly described as a gong show or a brofest. Now imagine that, by some nonsensical, self-deprecating line of reasoning, you believe that the best way to show your appreciation and 'fit' for the firm is to bring the dinner's gong show atmosphere to the interview. If at any time you find yourself warming up to this idea, I recommend bashing your head repeatedly against the wall. It will not go over well when you are the sassing

the senior [redacted] partner [redacted] for being a jerk.

- I have since been offered a Toronto OCI spot from this firm after calling out the partner. I'm guessing that the Calgary office really has a hate-on for their Toronto counter-parts and wants me to insult them as well.

- Do not make a corny joke in reference to a marketing ploy used by the firm. For example, "I was really expecting an [redacted] mint after watching your recruitment video" will not go over well. The firm has heard this joke thousands of time before, and was hoping against all hope that just this once there wouldn't be a smartass at the dinner. Consider these schemes as part of a clever trick to quickly eliminate brown-nosers.

- Find out where your interviewers are from. If they're from Saskatchewan, you have hit the jackpot. Simply drop references of the 'Riders and potash', and you are guaranteed to succeed. For bonus points, make sure to congratulate

Mr. Harper for protecting a strategic industry from foreign takeover. Extra bonus points for making up irrefutable statistics that no one should know, and therefore cannot call out your BS. A good example would sound something like this: "Well the CNOOC-NEXEN takeover is a bit different from the others. You see, Saskatchewan potash is very important as it constitutes somewhere up to 85% of the global market." I have since done some fact-checking and found out that Saskatchewan produces ~29% of the world's potash.

- A lawyer completes many deals throughout their career, often dealing with many clients from diverse industries. They don't have to time to learn about the niceties and finer details of their client, other than their particular aspect of the deal. As a result, they become only superficially aware of complex issues facing the world today. This makes them very susceptible and vulnerable to the use of catch phrases, much like Twitter and Tumblr users. If you are comfortable speaking about

topics completely foreign to your expertise, consider casually dropping these tried, tested and true words in conversation: emerging markets, Plan Nord, Asia, oil & gas, energy, international trade.

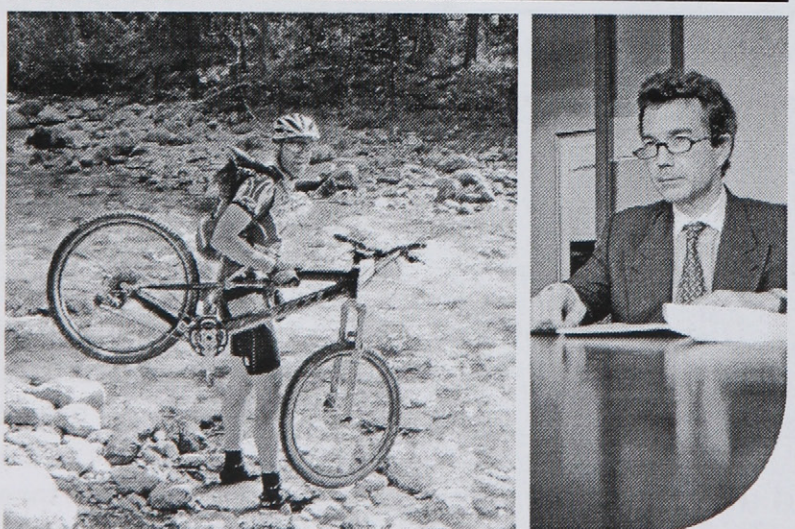
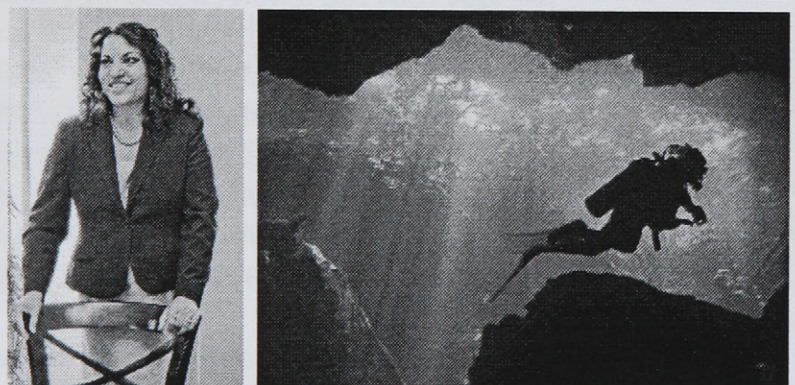
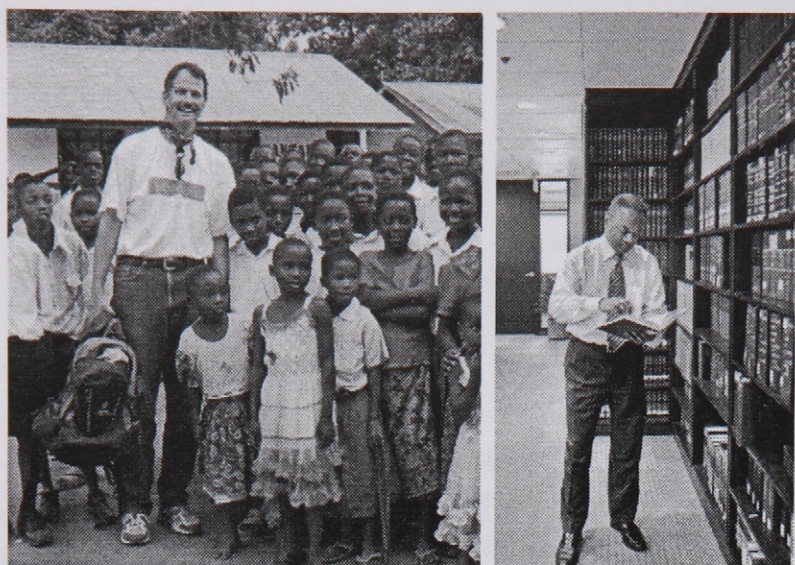
- For the more experienced, consider using these words together in a combination which completely distorts your true understanding of the issue while glossing over the issue's complexity. The following sentence received rave reviews: "I'm very interested in the energy industry, what with the emerging markets in Asia increasing the international trade of oil & gas."

Well, there you have it, an unadulterated account of my experience at Calgary OCIs. I hope this recap will prove useful as you navigate your way through the artificial speed-dating that our future employers force us to endure.

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FOR YOUR WELL-BEING

FROM THE STUDENT WELL-BEING COMMITTEE

L'année vient toute juste de commencer et déjà, le temps me manque. Prise par une campagne référendaire et les responsabilités de club, j'ai déjà failli à ma résolution de conserver mon taux d'activité physique estival de 4 jours de sport par semaine tout au long de la session. Si vous êtes comme moi et avez malheureusement mis sur la sellette votre côté hyperactif, voici quelques petits turcs pour bouger un 20 minutes par jour, un minimum pour une santé physique et mentale. En effet, il suffit de 20 minutes de mouvement constant (la marche suffit) par jour pour stimuler notre endorphine et ainsi conserver son corps et son esprit détendus, mais alertes. Je vous invite ensuite à lire la contribution d'Alexandre Michaud, 2L, qui m'a gracieusement partagé sa recette « bonne, rapide, pas chère, avec tous les groupes alimentaires » (voir page suivante). Ce sera un régal après votre marche santé!

20 minutes to move your butt :

-Walk one or two metro stations down the line instead of getting in at Peel. I actually timed myself once and it took me less time to walk to Sherbrooke Station than to make the switch to the orange line at Berri Station...

-Go up and down the stairs of the Molson Stadium. You'll have an awesome view of the city up there.

-Go to the grocery store by foot or by bike. You'll even make pipes by carrying your bags.

-Play a few games of foosball before your class (come on you are not going to the library during a 30 minutes break!)

-Instead of grabbing your sandwich at the Subway in front, go to Super Sandwich down the hill (in the Cartier building) and walk up slowly. Plus, it's cheaper!!

-Practice for the time you are going to hand in an assignment late and go up and down the NCDH stairs a few time.

-Grab your friend you haven't talked to for a while and take a walk up to the Belvedere on Mount-Royal. It may seem high and far, but I swear you can make it back in 30 minutes!

-Instead of sitting in a prof's office to get the answers to all your questions, ask him or her if you could go for a walk around campus while chatting (I'm sure they'll appreciate it).

-Play your favorite music loud and just shake it shake it shake it to loosen up all the tensions your back has accumulated during the day (or week). It will probably make you laugh so that's even better!

I swear you'll feel good after that!

ALEXANDRE
MICHAUD

RECETTE ÉCONOMIQUE

Comme beaucoup d'étudiants, j'ai peu de moyens financiers. Like most law students at McGill, I also have very little time to cook. Et en tant qu'homme ayant quitté le nid familial il y a peu, j'ai aussi des talents culinaires assez... limités.

Yet, if there is but one thing I have, it's the ability to overcome those circumstances and enjoy "the greatest meals at the lower cost".

Mon "gratin estudiantin"

La première recette que j'aimerais partager avec vous est d'une facilité enfantine. Elle choquera peut-être quelques puristes, mais je vous engage à la tester par vous-même.

L'idée de base, c'est tout simplement de mélanger dans un bol un féculent, des légumes, une source de protéines et un peu de fromage râpé, et de passer le tout au four à micro-ondes deux minutes. C'est une recette déclinable à l'infini. I like to cook only the starchy food in a pan, and then open some cans for the vegetables.

For instance, just boil some rice and put it in a bowl, then add part of the content of a bean can, part of the content of a carrot or pea can, and top it with grated cheese. Essayez avec des vermicelles de riz, des pommes de terre en purée, des fèves, des betteraves, du maïs, des pois chiches, des haricots noirs, rouges ou blancs, du cheddar, de la mozzarella, etc.

Some extra tricks: don't do this with meat. Actually, if you want to save some money, just stop buying meat and go vegan. Meat is very expensive! You'll just enjoy it more when you visit your family during the Holidays, or when a sponsored coffeehouse retains the catering services of Schwartz's. Je recommande également d'acheter les légumineuses et les légumes en conserve plutôt que frais. La différence de prix aux 100 grammes n'est que de 3 cents, et l'économie de temps est substantielle. Vous ne risquez plus de perdre des aliments parce que votre take-home a été plus long à faire que vous ne l'aviez prévu et que vous n'avez pas eu le temps de cuisiner ces légumes achetés déjà bien mûrs.

Par contre, le riz instantané a une forte valeur ajoutée, alors procurez-vous plutôt un format économique de plusieurs kilos (I probably won't have to buy rice again before I graduate). Idem pour le fromage : il m'apparaît beaucoup plus économique d'acheter plusieurs grosses briques de fromage lorsqu'il est en solde et de le râper moi-même en regardant la télévision. Quite often, you will find that mozzarella or cheddar will keep their freshness for many months as long as their package is not open. To save some time, don't cook for single meals. Always cook enough rice or potatoes for a couple days. You'll spend less time over the oven, and you will have less dish washing to do.

Alright, I am aware this is no fine cuisine, but it's much better and cleverer than buying some craft dinner, don't you think?



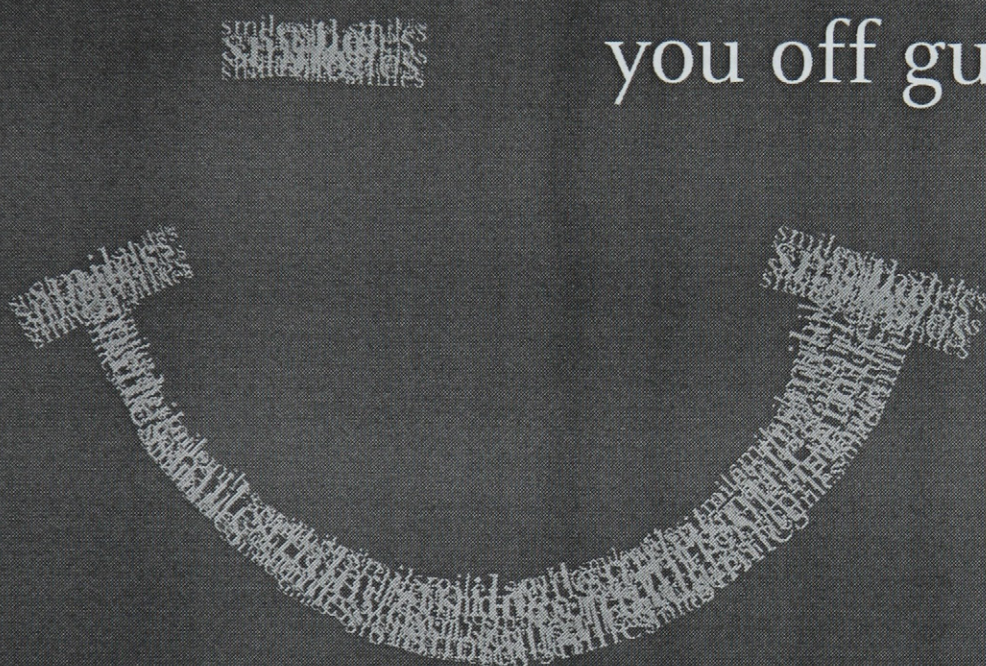
THANKSGIVING BREAK!

Le Quid prend des vacances pour l'Action de Grâce! Profitez du temps en famille, dégustez de la bonne tarte à la citrouille, et on vous revoit le 16 octobre!

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Les étudiants de la faculté de droit de McGill, une collaboration potentielle entre le Quid Novi et Faits et Causes pourrait vous intéresser!

À PROPOS DE FAITS ET CAUSES

Faits et Causes (« FC ») n'est pas un site de nouvelles.

FC est un journal communautaire et francophone, produit par la Clinique juridique Juripop, dont la mission est de procurer une explication juridique aux enjeux d'actualité. Cette dernière s'articule dans une perspective d'accès à la justice, qui ne peut être complète sans une bonne connaissance du fonctionnement du droit par le citoyen.

FC est un portail fiable qui s'engage à analyser les faits saillants et les causes notables de l'actualité judiciaire, législative et politique à travers un prisme juridique. Ses rédacteurs ont été méticuleusement sélectionnés parmi un bassin de professionnels des domaines juridique et politique et sont à l'affût des nouveaux développements dans leurs champs d'expertise respectifs.

FC se veut une source incomparable pour les juristes, médias et autres membres du public avides d'une approche plus détaillée des implications et des aspects légaux des nouvelles.

Par le biais de FC, la Clinique juridique Juripop se donne la responsabilité sociale de répondre aux questions du grand public sur les enjeux médiatiques en offrant une nouvelle spécialisée mais accessible.

L'éditorial de FC se veut une extension de la mission de Juripop, et représente les positions institutionnelles de l'organisme.

Notre mission est d'offrir une information complète qui permet à tous de comprendre le monde et d'agir sur lui.

FC, la nouvelle in extenso.

DE LA NÉCESSITÉ D'UNE PERSPECTIVE JURIDIQUE SUR L'ACTUALITÉ

Publié par Faits et Causes dans *Actualité*, Éditorial le 9 août 2012 12:42

Notre alliance

La mission de Juripop est de promouvoir et valoriser l'importance de l'accès à la justice pour notre société. C'est ainsi que l'organisme, qui entame sa quatrième année d'existence, a déjà développé de nombreux outils afin de procurer aux citoyens un avocat lorsqu'ils leur était impossible d'en avoir un, de donner aux jeunes du secondaire une formation juridique de base – absente du cursus scolaire officiel –, de prévenir les abus faits aux aînés en lançant une Caravane contre l'abus des aînés dans plusieurs régions du Québec, et nombre d'autres projets innovateurs ayant prouvé leurs effets bénéfiques pour la communauté. Aujourd'hui, nous annonçons la collaboration entre notre clinique juridique et Faits et Causes, une publication en ligne depuis déjà un an. FC a pour objectif d'offrir à ses lecteurs les explications juridiques nécessaires à une bonne compréhension des enjeux qui affectent notre société.

L'alliance entre Faits et Causes et Juripop n'est pas fortuite. Depuis quelques temps, les dirigeants des deux jeunes organisations discutaient d'une collaboration entre leurs projets respectifs de journaux web, ayant tous deux pour mission de jeter, sur l'actualité, un regard juridique. Il apparut rapidement qu'une vision commune existait, entre autres, quant à l'indépendance journalistique de ses artisans. A fortiori, la mission en soi d'une telle publication avait les mêmes résonances dans l'esprit de chacun: la connaissance des enjeux qui bouleversent le monde ne peut être complète que si les règles impliquées sont expliquées.

Notre mission

L'accès à la justice, ce n'est pas simplement le droit à un avocat lorsqu'une situation juridique se présente. Nous avons toujours cru qu'un État de droit en santé participait d'une bonne connaissance du citoyen des lois et mécanismes en place. L'inverse, le monopole de la connaissance du droit par les juristes, contribue plutôt à la méfiance que le citoyen se fait de ce domaine, qui est au centre de notre démocratie.

Les plus récents coups de sonde qui évaluent les connaissances des citoyens de la loi en général sont à ce titre, très évocateurs : plus de 80% des répondants ont admis ne rien comprendre à la loi.

Dès lors, nous devons nous intéresser d'abord aux effets d'une telle méconnaissance, mais aussi aux moyens à notre portée en tant que citoyens pour améliorer la situation. En ce sens, nous pouvons avancer raisonnablement que Faits et Causes, à la face même de sa mission, a l'immense potentiel d'apporter une lumière nouvelle et utile pour tous sur l'actualité.

La Clinique juridique Juripop est ancrée dans sa communauté, milite activement pour mettre en œuvre ses propositions en matière d'accès à la justice, et a un impact positif sur des milliers de citoyens chaque année. Faits et Causes, par la pertinence de son contenu, l'expertise et le dévouement de son équipe, sait amener une vision novatrice de l'information, dans un secteur où les explications vulgarisées des incidences juridiques du débat public sont trop rares. Cette alliance est naturelle.

En cette période électorale, nous vous proposons une analyse quotidienne des différentes propositions des partis qui solliciteront votre vote. Mais, l'aventure ne fait que commencer, car nous travaillons déjà à plusieurs projets d'envergure, qui seront annoncés à l'automne.

<http://www.faitsetcauses.com/>

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Mes mains bégayent
chaque syllabe de ta voix
qui joue à cache-cache
avec ma langue

mes yeux multicolores
jouent à saute-moutons
avec tes mots
en noir et blanc

ma tête en morceaux
joue à la roulette russe

et tu joues
avec mon casse-tête.

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LIBRARY NEWS

QUESTION – ANSWER:

Q: Can I bring my friend from Concordia to study with me here during weekend?

A: When library services are closed, (the whole day on Saturday, and on Sunday before noon and after 8:00 p.m.) only the McGill students who have a valid McGill ID card can access the building.

ABOUT FOOD, TABLE MANNERS, AND LIBRARIES

Seeing that a considerable amount of space was dedicated to the discussion of food matters in the last Quid, I would like to add my little share to this conversation.

NO food is allowed in the Law Library. By saying NO food in the Law Library, I do indeed mean NO food. You can bring water and other beverages in sealed containers, but we do not allow any kind of food in the Library because food smells, and leftovers can attract insects or rodents, and we would not like to have mice and cockroaches here. So, please, please, when you bake your lovely carrés or muffins using the recipe from the last Food for Thought section, find another place to eat them. Il n'est pas permis de 'grignoter' quoi que ce soit à la bibliothèque :)

I enjoyed reading "The Law students guide to business lunch etiquette" by Mary Angela Rowe. Personally, I am convinced that it is about the time to remind to everybody about the table manners that have been almost destroyed by the invasion of fast-food, plastic-plate, hastily-eaten meals. To somebody who is interested in the topic I can suggest searching our Classic Catalogue – Advanced Search – Keywords in subject – table etiquette. The McGill Library has an interesting selection of books on this topic ranging from "The rituals of dinner: the origins, evolution, eccentricities, and meaning of table manners" to "Galateo; or, A treatise on politeness and delicacy of manners... With the whole art of carving; illustrated with a variety of cuts".

LIBRARY TOURS FOR LAW STUDENTS

If you would like to know more about our facilities and services, we will be glad to offer you a tour of the Nahum Gelber Law Library. Half-an-hour tours are given to the groups of students (minimum of three) during our opening hours. You can send a request for a tour to the law.library@mcgill.ca Please do not forget to indicate the number of participants and your preferred time.

NEW STUDY SPACE ON THE 4TH FLOOR

Library staff has been busy this summer, moving our print collection to make more space for students. Now, we are able to add some additional study space on the 4th floor next to the Peel street side of the building.

SCANNING AT THE LAW LIBRARY - REMINDER

First Option: any Xerox multifunctional machine

All uPrint-enabled Xerox machines can make photocopies, print, and scan. Scanned images are then sent to an e-mail address.

Second Option: Spirit Book Scanner: scan to your USB key

Last year, Nahum Gelber Law Library got a new Spirit Book Scanner - a self-service machine that gives you a real time preview and saves your scanned documents directly to a USB key. The scanner is located in the copy room at the 2nd floor. To learn how to use, this device you can watch the video:

<http://youtu.be/NtFzvZcaXY>

Law Library blog

Since this summer, the Nahum Gelber Law Library has a blog, where you can find more library news

<http://blogs.library.mcgill.ca/lawlibrary/>

MCGILL SKIT NITE/LAW SCHOOL OF ROCK INFORMATION SES- SION/SESSION D'INFORMATION Session d'Information le Mercredi 3 Octobre à 13:30 Salle 316 NCDH

Call for musicians. Est-ce que vous jouez un instrument? Est-ce que vous voulez faire partie du concert de Law School of Rock? If you're interested in ROCKING OUT, or getting involved in any way with McGill's very own Law School of Rock and/or Skit Nite, don't miss the info session on Wednesday October 3rd, room 316 NCDH

McGill Faculty of Law,

Bev is back! For those of you who don't know me, I am the name behind the Quid's **Un/Solicited Advice** column. I will inform you of a wide range of topics on a semi-regular basis. Topics from last year included: relationships, strategies for success, cures for the December blues, and dealing with grades. Without your questions this column will become a straight up Unsolicited Advice column, so please send your questions or comments to dear.beverley@gmail.com - confidentiality guaranteed!

Dear Beverley,

I just started my first year of law and I'm going to be honest with you: I have no clue what I'm doing. I'm feeling a bit overwhelmed. So many readings! So many new people! So much going on! I don't really have one specific question, but I suppose I'm just looking for some general advice. What do you wish you had known before you started law school?

- One Ell

1L,

First of all, don't worry; it's only natural to be overwhelmed. The law school learning curve is pretty steep. I totally understand. I felt the exact same way when I started. Hang in there, and everything will get much easier, I promise. As for advice, here it goes:

The first people you meet at law school (i.e. in your classes and at orientation) don't have to be your only friends.

I was very lucky to meet some great people in my first week of law school. Some of them I'm still close with, but others I'm not. My advice would be to keep introducing yourself to new people. Don't close yourself off to new friends early in the game - be open to making friends throughout your time at McGill and you will be pleasantly surprised. Not only will you end up with friends across Canada by the time you graduate, but you'll be creating an excellent network of lawyers

that you can turn to. Also - ignore the upper years at your own peril! We can really come in handy when it comes to advice on handling law school, summaries, and questions about assignments. Not to mention, a good majority of them are great people, with a range of life experiences.

Law school is like high school.

Last year the orientation theme was "Chancellor Day High", which is more accurate than you can imagine. Be aware that news in this Faculty travels very, very fast. Whether it's news of who got an A on the contracts midterm, who hooked up with the super hot tutorial leader, or who is a bad person to work with in a group, it gets around. Try not to play a huge part in the rumour mill and take said rumours with a grain of salt. Be aware that your own actions can come back to you very quickly. That being said, don't let the gossip hounds get you down and prevent you from being yourself - they're just jealous and/or bored.

Work smart!

Work hard but in a way that works for you. There is no "right" way to study, so start with some study strategies that you are familiar with. You'll have a better idea of what works and what doesn't after fall exams (which are essentially freebies). Until then, do your own thing and try not to compare yourself to others. On that note, be wary of high-strung people that will stress you out or drain your energy. Law school is hard enough without the constant panic! Stay calm and carry on.

Don't be afraid to ask for help

Life isn't always easy. Whether you're upset about a grade or a family matter, about a relationship, or you have pre-exam nerves, or maybe you just don't understand what the Prof said in your last lecture...**ask for help.** Talk to your law school friends, your non-law school friends, your family, your law partner, approach your professor, talk to the Student Affairs Office, a McGill councilor or head over to McGill Mental Health Services. It really helps! There is nothing worse than feeling alone and overwhelmed and thinking you have no one to talk to. Keeping everything

bottled up will have a negative impact on your studies, and of course, more importantly, it will make you miserable. So please don't be shy or embarrassed about what you are going through – find someone to talk to. And remember, yours truly is always here for you too.

Be generous to others

This point predominantly refers to summaries. If you have made your own, be a hero and share them with your friends. Your friends will love you, and believe me, they won't be stealing any A-grade from you. The person who makes a summary knows it better than anyone else, and your good deed will almost certainly be rewarded in the future. What goes around comes around!

Have fun!

You're in 1L at McGill law school. The academic pressure can be very high, but to be honest it's a bit

overblown. I worked hard but went to almost every Coffee House and every LSA event, not to mention I was actively involved with several clubs. I got to know a lot of people, and my experiences here have been all the richer for it. Marks aren't everything! **Grades do not define your self worth.** This is a hugely important point but very hard to remember in practice. You are lucky enough to be living in Montreal for at least 3 years... This city has so much to offer; take advantage of it!

Well folks, that's all for this week's Un/Solicited Advice. I don't have much to say without you, so please write in to dear.beverly@gmail.com – no question too silly! No comment too inane! No offer of a date will be left unconsidered!

xo,
Bev



OVERHEARD AT THE FAC

3L: OCIs are like a strip club. You have 20 minutes to impress behind the curtains hoping that someone will call you back.

2L: There was such a good vibe at Welcome Ball... The only emo was a DJ: he refused to play Rihanna when I requested it.

2L: I just have a question--

Prof: No no no, we're looking for answers right now. Questions will come later.

2L: Given that he tried to kill his business partner, don't you think that punitive damages would have been appropriate here?

Prof: Yeah, you'd think that we'd want to dissuade the population from engaging in this type of "alternative dispute resolution."

Prof: I went to Pop Montreal last night. Montreal hipsters are like East German cars: they all look the same.

Prof, discussing pat-down searches in *R v Mann*: The police officer could have said, "Oh, I feel something soft, I'm taking my hand out of your pocket now!"

[laughter] ... The way the police officer described it is, "I felt a package." [laughter] I'm never teaching this case again.

Prof, after leaving out a day out of the readings schedule: I'll get you a new reading schedule as soon as I figure out what I was smoking when I wrote this version.

Prof: Yes, a lot of junior corporate law work is the like hitting your head on a wall for 12 hours a day, except that you're wearing a fancy suit.

Prof: I know that if anyone read me my right to counsel in any circumstance, I would be like, "LAWYER!"

Prof, 11:29am: ... and now I need to stop because there's a hairy guy at the door.

Prof: So what did he actually say?
2L: "Fuck off, you can wait"

Prof: Now we're getting closer to the facts!

Prof: It's possible that a floating hypothec has been created in Quebec since 1994 but you have

to seriously question the legal education of the person who created it.

Prof: So, maybe contextualism is useful here ... sorry to use Supreme Court's favorite weasel word.

Prof: We all know that in pillow talk there are no rules.

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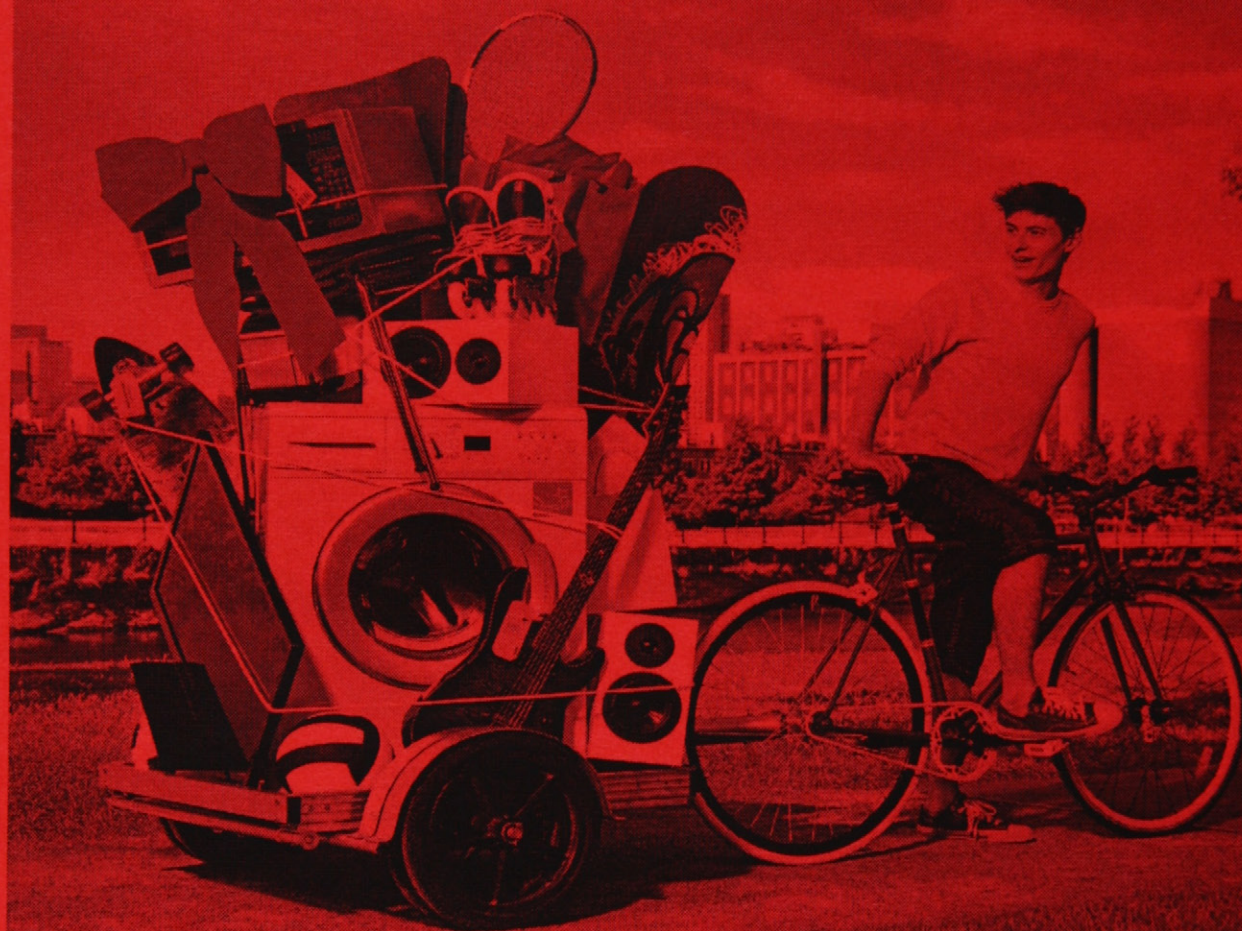
ANONYMOUS OVERHEARDS?

The Quid is experimenting with making all overheard anonymous. Getting approval from various professors takes a significant amount of time; not including names allows the Quid team to include more overheard, faster.

Professors, do you miss your weekly 15 minutes of fame in the Quid? Students, do you miss the names? Envoyez-nous votre feedback à quid.law@mcgill.ca!

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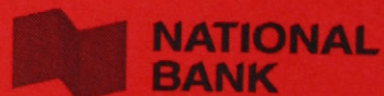
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